IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently amended) A method operative with respect to a telephone conversation having at least one party operating a mobile telephone, the method comprising:

writing data to a billing record to indicate that a second party has been billed for mobile telephone airtime charges of the at least one party operating a mobile telephone, wherein the second party is a party other than the at least one party operating a mobile telephone and the second party is ~~other than a party initiating the call~~ not a party to the telephone conversation.

2-4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving an indication from the second party; and
responsive to the indication, performing the writing step.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
connecting a telephone call from the at least one party operating a mobile telephone to ~~the second~~ a third party; and
responsive to connecting the telephone call, performing the writing step.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
writing data to the billing record to indicate that the second party has been billed for additional charges of the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that are other than mobile telephone airtime charges.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the additional charges include at least one of long distance charges, local toll charges, and local telephone call charges.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
presenting an indication to the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that the at least one party operating a mobile telephone will not be billed for the mobile telephone airtime charges.

11.   (Currently amended) A method comprising:
        receiving a request from a first party to accept charges accrued by a second party for a telephone call already in progress between the first party and the second party; and
        responsive to the request, writing data to a billing record to indicate that the first party has been billed for the telephone call, wherein both a call originator of the telephone call and a call recipient of the telephone call are enabled to be the first party that accepts the charges accrued by the second party, and a determination of which of the call originator and the call recipient is to be the first party that accepts the charges is determined during the telephone call based upon a signaling made during the telephone call by at least one of the call originator and the call recipient.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the charges include at least one of mobile telephone airtime charges, long-distance charges, and local telephone charges.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the second party operates a mobile telephone.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the second party operates a telephone that is not a mobile telephone.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

16.   (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable
medium and operative with respect to a telephone conversation having at least one party
operating a mobile telephone, comprising instructions for:

responsive to receiving an indication from a second party, writing data to a billing
record to indicate that the second party has been billed for mobile telephone airtime
charges of the at least one party operating a mobile telephone, wherein the second party is
a party other than the at least one party operating a mobile telephone and the second party
is ~~other than a party initiating the call~~ not a party to the telephone conversation.

17-19. (Canceled)

20.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, comprising additional
instructions for:

receiving an indication from the second party; and
responsive to the indication, performing the writing step.

21.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the indication
includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a
telephone.

22.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 16, comprising
additional instructions for:

connecting a telephone call from the at least one party operating a mobile
telephone to ~~the second~~ a third party; and
responsive to connecting the telephone call, performing the writing step.

23.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, comprising additional
instructions for:

writing data to the billing record to indicate that the second party has been billed
for additional charges of the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that are other
than mobile telephone airtime charges.

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24.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the additional charges include at least one of long distance charges, local toll charges, and local telephone call charges.

25.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, comprising additional instructions for:

presenting an indication to the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that the at least one party operating a mobile telephone will not be billed for the mobile telephone airtime charges.

26.   (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:

receiving a request from a first party to accept charges accrued by a second party for a telephone call already in progress between the first party and the second party; and

responsive to the request, writing data to a billing record to indicate that the first party has been billed for the telephone call, wherein both a call originator of the telephone call and a call recipient of the telephone call are enabled to be the first party that accepts the charges accrued by the second party, and a determination of which of the call originator and the call recipient is to be the first party that accepts the charges is determined during the telephone call based upon a signaling made during the telephone call by at least one of the call originator and the call recipient.

27.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the charges include at least one of mobile telephone airtime charges, long-distance charges, and local telephone charges.

28.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the second party operates a mobile telephone.

29.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the second party operates a telephone that is not a mobile telephone.

30.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

31.   (Currently amended) A data processing system operative with respect to a telephone conversation having at least one party operating a mobile telephone, comprising:
>   a bus system;
>   a processing unit including at least one processor; and
>   a memory containing a set of instructions,
>   wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the acts of:
>   responsive to receiving an indication from a second party, writing data to a billing record to indicate that the second party has been billed for mobile telephone airtime charges of the at least one party operating a mobile telephone, wherein the second party is a party other than the at least one party operating a mobile telephone and the second party is ~~other than a party initiating the call~~ not a party to the telephone conversation.

32-34. (Canceled)

35.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the additional acts of:
>   receiving an indication from the second party; and
>   responsive to the indication, performing the writing step.

36.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 35, wherein the indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

37.   (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the additional acts of:

connecting a telephone call from the at least one party operating a mobile telephone to ~~the second~~ a third party; and

responsive to connecting the telephone call, performing the writing step.

38.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 31, further comprising:

writing data to the billing record to indicate that the second party has been billed for additional charges of the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that are other than mobile telephone airtime charges.

39.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 38, wherein the additional charges include at least one of long distance charges, local toll charges, and local telephone call charges.

40.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the additional act of:

presenting an indication to the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that the at least one party operating a mobile telephone will not be billed for the mobile telephone airtime charges.

41.   (Currently amended) A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a processing unit including at least one processor; and

a memory containing a set of instructions,

wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the acts of:

receiving a request from a first party to accept charges accrued by a second party for a telephone call <u>already</u> in progress <u>between the first party and the second party</u>; and

responsive to the request, writing data to a billing record to indicate that the first party has been billed for the telephone call in progress, <u>wherein both a call originator of the telephone call and a call recipient of the telephone call are enabled to be the first party</u>

that accepts the charges accrued by the second party, and a determination of which of the call originator and the call recipient is to be the first party that accepts the charges is determined during the telephone call based upon a signaling made during the telephone call by at least one of the call originator and the call recipient.

42. (Original) The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the charges include at least one of mobile telephone airtime charges, long-distance charges, and local telephone charges.

43. (Original) The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the second party operates a mobile telephone.

44. (Original) The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the second party operates a telephone that is not a mobile telephone.

45. (Original) The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.